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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: OTE'S PROJECT PLANS THROUGH 1981

REF: (A) 77 ATHENS 5873, (B) 77 ATHENS 8955, (C) ATHENS 1652

1. HELLENIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION (OTE) OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH UPDATES THE INFORMATION ON OTE'S PROPOSED PROJECTS CONTAINED IN REF A

2. TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE PLANNED TO BE ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD 1978 TO 1981

(A) FOUR NETWORKS OF RADIO LONKS, CONSISTING OF SERIES OF 1,800 CHANNELS EACH, BETWEEN POINTS IN GREECE. ESTIMATED \$13 MILLION. TENDERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1978

(B) THIRD EARTH STATION FOR COMMUNICATION VIA INTELSAT SATELLITE, TO BE ADDED TO THAT TWO SATELLITES ALREADY OPERATING AT THERMOPYLAE. PROJECT TO BE TENDERED IN EARLY 1979

(C) OTE WILL ISSUE TENDERS EVERY YEAR (UNTIL OPERATION OF ITS OWN PLANT IN THE EARLY 1980'S - SEE H BELOW) FOR THE SUPPLY OF TELEPHONE SWITCHING EQUIPMENT FOR 200,000 NEW CONNECTIONS.

(D) REPEATERS, EQUILIZERS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO
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ESTABLISH CABLE CONNECTIONS OF 1,800 CHANNELS BETWEEN ATHENS AND LAMIA

(E) PAGING SYSTEM TO COVER INITIALLY ATHENS-THESSALONIKI-PATRAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO EXPAND TO OTHER PARTS OF GREECE. ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$1.5 MILLION AND \$2 MILLION

(F) COASTAL STATIONS FOR SHIP-TO-SHORE COMMUNICATION. ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$13 AND \$16 MILLION

(G) COMPUTERIZED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INQUIRY SYSTEM.

TENDER NO 7234 (SEE REFS B AND C) HAS BEEN CANCELLED, BUT
IT WILL BE REOPENED IN THE FUTURE. ESTIMATED \$500,000

(H) PLANT TO MANUFACTURE ELECTRONIC OR SEMI-ELECTRONIC
(STORED PROGRAMS CONTROL) TELEPHONE EXCHANGE EQUIPMENT AND
PCM TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS AND OTHER PROEDUCTS OF DIGITAL
TECHNIQUE. ESTIMATED \$30 MILLION.

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